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Mr. David Abelson, Executive Director Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments P.O. Box 17670 Boulder, Colorado 80308

Dear Mr. Abelson:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss post-closure signage and access restrictions at Rocky Flats with your Board at their meeting of January 9, 2006. As we noted during that discussion, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will both be preparing plans for signage and access restrictions during the coming year.

The DOE plan for signage and access controls will be enumerated in the Proposed Plan for Rocky Flats, which we anticipate releasing for formal public comment in the May-June time period. The Proposed Plan will contain a comprehensive proposal for post-closure activities on the portion of Rocky Flats that will be retained by DOE, to ensure that the remedy there is protective of human health and the environment. The DOE anticipates that the Proposed Plan will contain a suite of recommended access controls and signage, which will generally be intended to protect engineered structures, ensure that residual contamination remains isolated, delineate the property boundary, and notify site users of land use restrictions.

Once land is transferred from DOE to the Service, the Service will post the outer perimeter boundary of the new refuge with standard refuge boundary signs that say "National Wildlife Refuge – Unauthorized Entry Prohibited" within 60 days. The Service has also committed to preparing a step-down refuge management plan to address language for signs on site history and safety that will eventually be placed at future public access points. This will be a public planning process that will seek input from local governments and other Rocky Flats stakeholders. The Service hopes to initiate this process in March 2006, and reach a decision on these signs by June.

As we stated at your January 9 meeting, both the DOE and the Service are looking forward to receiving public input on this topic, and we believe that the newly-formed Local Stakeholder Organization will provide a good forum for this discussion. If possible, we would like to receive community input prior to the issuance of the aforementioned plans, so that they can reflect public sentiment to the greatest degree. Please let us know how we may be of assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

John J. Rampe, Director

Date

Rocky Flats Closure Project Management

Rocky Flats Project Office

Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR

Date

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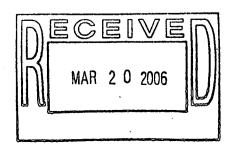
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